

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP

Parish of

**OUR LADY & ST OSWIN'S TYNEMOUTH
&
ST MARY'S CULLERCOATS**

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6th Sunday of Easter Year A – 17th May 2020

At the moment Places of Worship form part of phase 3 of the government's plan to recover from the lockdown. This means that, if all goes well, they could re-open for public worship from July, with social distancing rules in place. We await further guidance.

We remember those who have asked for our prayers in May:

And we pray for

Anniversaries: June Nugent, Geworge Castro, Joan Peppiatt, Tony Dargavel, John Jordan, Edna Freeman, Mary Maguire, Margaret Charlton, John Sproule, Elsie Wall, Terry Robinson.

Helpline: Please call **251 3770** if you live alone with no one to help, and would like assistance with your shopping. **If you would like to volunteer** to help then please ring this number.

Fr Martin will be saying Mass, on his own, during this time. If parishioners would like a Mass intention to be celebrated then please let the parish office know in the usual way.

United in Prayer: Please Join in with parishioners **Praying the Rosary** at home each Friday at 9.00am. In May we pray for Vocations to the Priesthood.

Live streaming of Mass from various cathedrals, basilicas and churches is available via the Internet. Please see the diocesan website

Prayer for the End of the Virus:

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your children.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

Each **Thursday at 7.00pm** during the lockdown a Bishop will celebrate a Mass, which will be live streamed, for those frontline workers in the NHS and care homes, for the sick and their families and for the repose of the souls of the deceased. The schedule is as follows:

21st May Bishop Mark Davies Shrewsbury Cathedral

28th May Bishop Terry Draine Middleb'ro Cathedral

By visiting the Cathedral webpage, or the Bishops' Conference Webpage (cbcew.org.uk) links for the live-streaming of these Masses can be found.

Parish Finances: Some parishioners have been asking what to do with their weekly envelopes. It is probably best to simply keep these envelopes until the churches re-open. If you prefer, you can always make a donation via the internet or set up a standing order with the parish, to the following HSBC account:
Name: DHN Tynemouth Our Lady & St Oswin
Account Number: 12011336
Sort code: 40-34-18

The 'Magnificat' Booklet is an excellent resource and is available online free of charge. This provides Morning, Evening and Night Prayer and the daily mass readings at: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

Items for the Newsletter can still be submitted electronically via the parish e-mail address or in writing delivered to the presbytery.

Zoom Meetings: Whilst public gatherings are not possible be reassured that 'zoom' is enabling lots of meetings to take place – including partnership clergy meetings. Why not set up a zoom meeting with church goers in your area too?

On-line Scripture Resource: the Wednesday Word is a great on-line resource reflecting on the weekly Sunday readings for all the family. Well worth a visit. www.wednesdayword.org

We learn about the joy and enthusiasm with which the Samaritans received the Gospel.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 65

Response: **Cry out with joy to God all the earth**

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| 1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' | 2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. |
| 3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. | 4. Come and hear, all who fear God,
I will tell what he did for my soul;
Blessed be God who did not reject my
prayer nor withhold his love from me. |

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast under pressure in their attachment to Christ.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia: Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

To love Christ is to listen to his words and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to put them into practice in our lives.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Question of the week

(for Further Personal Reflection on these Readings)

The Spirit gives us inner wisdom and strength. When have you experienced this?